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Letter dated 22 December 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

As you are aware, my Special Adviser, Mr. Mohamed Sahnoun, has been following developments in the Horn of Africa region, especially in Somalia and the Sudan, and has been providing advice on what useful role the United Nations could play to promote negotiated settlements of conflicts. He has also been representing me at meetings dealing with regional issues.

During the first several months of the past year, Mr. Sahnoun continued to lead the United Nations observer delegation at the Sudan peace talks in Kenya, and he subsequently followed the talks on Darfur as well as the peace process in Somalia. He also represented me at the League of Arab States Summit in Tunis.

In order for Mr. Sahnoun to continue his efforts as required, I have decided to extend his appointment until 31 December 2005.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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